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SUBJECT: THE MILITARY SITUATION IN SOUTH VIETNAM

The North Vietnamese have stepped up their attacks west and south of Hue. Some of these attacks stem from government troops pushing into contested areas.

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suggest more heavy fight-

On the morning of July 19, the Communists fired 35 rounds of 122 mm rockets into Da Nang airbase. Initial reports indicate moderate casualties and heavy losses of fuel stocks.

Government press spokesmen report that heavy fighting is under way in Quang Nam Province and that the district

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capital of Duc Duc is in danger of falling. Government reinforcements are trying to move into the area but are being hampered by Communist harassment along key highways.

Communist forces also have renewed their attacks in Kontum and Pleiku provinces. Heavy shellings and increased anti-aircraft fire apparently have caused heavy government casualties and have forced the abandonment of at least two outposts. The South Vietnamese are anticipating heavier fighting in the area and there are tentative indications that a Communist regiment may be moving into position to cut the highway between Kontum and Pleiku cities.